

from approaching hurricanes. It was determined that a scale was needed to give disaster officials an idea of what to expect from a storm. Herb Saffir was enlisted to work with Simpson on this project. Together they created the Saffir-Simpson Damage Potential Scale, which established the five categories of hurricane severity. The Saffir-Simpson Scale is still used today and is a vital tool to assess the possible destruction associated with an approaching hurricane.

When Hurricane Andrew tore through Florida in August 1992, weather forecasters relayed information on the powerful storm to concerned citizens using the ratings system. But, Herb Saffir was not satisfied to just lend his name to the efforts to mitigate damage from Hurricane Andrew. He also lent a hand. Using his vast engineering knowledge and experience, Mr. Saffir was integral in the rebuilding of South Florida. He was recognized for his efforts with the Florida Engineering Society's Engineer of the Year Award in 1994.

Mr. Saffir's work continues to be recognized today. The American Society of Civil Engineers recently recognized Mr. Saffir for his research and development of wind-damage analysis on structures, and for the creation of the Saffir-Simpson Scale now used extensively by emergency management organizations as far away as Australia. In fact, the National Hurricane Center described Mr. Saffir as "a national treasure."

Herb Saffir is a remarkable American and a credit to the State of Florida. It brings me great joy to recognize his accomplishments today.●

TRIBUTE TO THE HONORABLE ROBERT B. PIRIE, JR.

● Mr. LEVIN. Mr. President, I rise today to recognize an outstanding public servant, Robert B. Pirie, Jr., as he completes more than 7 years of continuous service within the civilian leadership of the Department of the Navy, first as Assistant Secretary of the Navy, Installations and Environment, then as the Under Secretary of the Navy, and finally as Acting Secretary of the Navy. In each capacity, he worked tirelessly to serve America and our Navy and Marine Corps. His time in the Pentagon was the pinnacle of a public service career spanning fifty years.

Secretary Pirie is a 1955 Naval Academy graduate, whose achievements as a midshipman propelled him to a Rhodes Scholarship. He served 20 years on active duty, a military career that culminated in command-at-sea aboard a nuclear attack submarine. Secretary Pirie went on to provide exceptional public service as a Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense in the Carter Administration.

When he returned to the Department of the Navy seven and a-half years ago, his confident leadership and far-reaching vision helped the Navy navigate through many complex issues. Whether leading the Department's efforts to conduct critical training at the Atlantic Fleet Weapons Training Facility at Vieques, Puerto Rico, or increasing force protection for Sailors and Marines in the aftermath of the USS COLE terrorist attack, or addressing the encroachment issues that complicate our operational and training ranges, Robert Pirie's leadership has been vital to the readiness and success of our country's military forces.

Secretary Pirie provided exceptional advice, support and guidance to the Secretary of Defense, the Secretary of the Navy, the Chief of Naval Operations, and the Commandant of the Marine Corps. His keen insight, relentless dedication, and extraordinary talent have contributed significantly to building and maintaining the world's best-trained, best-equipped, and best-prepared Navy and Marine Corps. His vision has positively shaped the future readiness and capabilities of the fleet in ways that will resonate for many years.

It is a pleasure to recognize Secretary Pirie for his many contributions in a life devoted to our nation's security as he leaves the Department of the Navy. I know my colleagues join me in wishing him and his wife Joan much happiness and fair winds and following seas as they begin a new chapter in their lives.●

IN HONOR OF BARBARA L. BAILEY

● Mr. LIEBERMAN. Mr. President, I rise to speak today in memory of Mrs. Barbara L. Bailey, a great and gracious lady, the first lady of Connecticut Democratic politics, who passed away this past Monday.

As my colleague Senator CLINTON said when she introduced Mrs. Bailey at the White House a few years back, Mrs. Bailey "has been a stalwart of the Democratic Party in Connecticut and progressive politics . . . in the country." I first met Barbara Bailey when I was writing my senior thesis at college on her husband, John Bailey, former Democratic National Committee Chairman under President Kennedy and legendary Connecticut political leader.

Mrs. Bailey was an astute political advisor and partner to her husband. She was known as a gracious host to politicians at all levels of government. Mrs. Bailey entertained such political luminaries as President John F. Kennedy and Vice President Hubert H. Humphrey and many, many others.

After her husband died in 1975 Mrs. Bailey continued to follow Democratic politics closely and actively. In fact, a few years ago four generations of Baileys gathered at the White House when

Barbara spoke about the importance of health care and introduced President Clinton at the White House on Mother's Day.

Mrs. Bailey has also spent her life devoted to public service, especially on issues concerning women. Just last month, the 93-year-old Mrs. Bailey received a lifetime achievement award from the Ladies Auxiliary of Saint Francis Hospital and Medical Center in Hartford. She also spent ten years as a trustee of the University of Connecticut.

Mrs. Bailey is known to Connecticut as the matriarch of a distinguished political family. Her family has always been most important to her and I know it was a joy for her to see her children and grandchildren continue the tradition of civic involvement that she and her husband believed in so deeply. Her daughter, Barbara Bailey Kennelly, is the former U.S. Representative from Connecticut's first district and has run for Governor of the Nutmeg State. Her son, Jack Bailey, is currently the chief State's attorney. And just this summer Mrs. Bailey's grandson, Austin Perkins, represented Connecticut as a delegate to the Democratic National Convention in Los Angeles, CA.

Barbara Bailey's death is a loss for me personally and for the whole of Connecticut. We will remember her fondly as a gracious woman of principle, a champion of good causes and a beloved mother, grandmother and friend.●

IN RECOGNITION OF THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF MINNEAPOLIS METAL WORKERS LODGE 459

● Mr. DAYTON. Mr. President, I rise today to salute the Capitol City and Minneapolis Metal Workers Lodge 459 on the occasion of their 100th Anniversary.

For a century, members of this Minnesota Union have fought for and secured fair wages and decent, safe working conditions for all workers. Through the years the brothers and sisters of Lodge 459 have labored tirelessly to guarantee that each worker's rights are respected, each family's future is insured.

A strong labor force is the backbone of our economy; it is the power behind every successful business, every growing community. Today, the proud members of Lodge 459 continue in the strong tradition of their parents and grandparents. They reflect the dedication and determination which are the hallmark of the labor movement in our Nation. Together, they will safeguard the future for our children and grandchildren. And in doing so, they will assure that in America, businesses will thrive, communities will grow, and families will succeed.●